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AMENDMENTS:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification at page 2 by inserting before "Field of the Invention" at line 1 the following paragraph:

-- Cross References to Related Applications:

This application is a divisional of co-pending application Serial No. 09/003,198, filed January 7, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,316,407, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/766,355, filed December 13, 1996, now U.S. Patent 6,121,436.—

Please amend the Specification at page 41, in the paragraphs beginning at page 41, line 1, and ending at page 41, line 11:

FIG. 1 shows the cDNA nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:10, nucleotides 18-507) and deduced amino acid sequence of AlfAFP1 (SEQ ID NO:15). The triangle indicates the start of the mature AlfAFP1 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:2). [The underlined amino acid-sequence indicates the signal polypeptide.] The double underlined sequence indicates a potential polyA signal sequence. The asterisk denotes the stop codon.

FIG. 2 is a pileup comparison of AlfAFP1 (SEO ID NO:15, amino acids 8-72), AlfAFP2 (SEO ID NO:16), and pl230 (SEO ID NO:17). All amino acid sequences except AlfAFP1 are derived from cDNA sequences and include both a signal peptide and a mature protein. The lines indicate conserved amino acid residues. The mature protein of AlfAFP1 is indicated in bold.

FIG. 3 is an alignment of the recovered 5' cDNAs of AlfAFP1 (SEQ ID NO:18) and AlfAFP2 (SEQ ID NO:19). Common bases are indicated with astereses.